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SUMMARY: MAY 16 COURT PROCEEDINGS WERE ESSENTIALLY DEVOTED TO TESTIMONY OF STELIOS STYLIANOU. HIS TESTIMONY FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE DETAILS APPEARING IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT TO CYPOL. HE SAID HE HAD SEEN KTIMATIAS, LEFTIS AND SAVVA AT THE SCENE, ARMED, AND ENTERING THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION TOGETHER. HE HEARD SHOTS FROM THAT BUILDING, LOOKED UP AND SAW KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS AT A WINDOW SOMEWHERE BELOW THE SIXTH FLOOR LEVEL. HE SAW THE THREE MEN LEAVE THE BUILDING TOGETHER. ON MAY 17 AND 18 STYLIANOU WAS SUBJECTED TO A TOTAL OF EIGHT HOURS OF HOSTILE CROSS EXAMINATION. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO IMPUNG HIS CHARACTER, QUESTION HIS CREDIBILITY AND DEMONSTRATE A BIAS ON HIS PART TOWARDS LEFTIS AND SAVVA. STYLIANOU ALSO TESTIFIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ATTEMPTED CYPOL COVER UP IN ITS AUGUST 1974 INVESTIGATION OF THE DAVIES MURDER. IN THE LOCAL PRESS ON MAY 18, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CYPRUS MAIL HEADLINED, "REVENGE MOTIVE". THE GREEK LANGUAGE PRESS STRESSED THE "COUPISTS ATTEMPT TO COVER UP DAVIES MURDER" ASPECTS OF STYLIANOU'S TESTIMONY. END SUMMARY.

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1. THIS REVIEW OF PROCEEDINGS ON MAY 16, 17 AND 18 WILL STRESS ONLY HIGHLIGHTS OF TESTIMONY OR OBVIOUS CONTRADICTIONS FROM INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY THE WITNESSES IN THEIR SIGNED STATEMENTS TO CYPOL.

2. PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 16:

A. GEORGE CHRISTODOULOU, FIRE BRIGADE INSPECTOR, TESTIFIED HE LEFT FOR THE EMBASSY TO ANSWER A FIRE ALARM AT 12:26 HOURS. ON ARRIVAL HE SAW SGT. STELIOS STYLIANOU AT THE SCENE IN FIRE BRIGADE VEHICLE EU999. HE SAW KTIMATIAS WALKING TOWARDS THE EMBASSY AREA BUT DID NOT REMEMBER IF HE WAS ARMED. HE HEARD SHOOTING, SAW AMBASSADOR DAVIES BEING REMOVED FROM THE EMBASSY AND ASSISTED IN REMOVING THE BODY OF MISS VARNAVA.

B. ACHILLES STAVROU, FIRE BRIGADE SERGEANT, TESTIFIED THAT LOIZOU SAVVA WOULD OFTEN COME TO THE FIRE STATION WHERE HE AND STELIOS STYLIANOU WERE POSTED, DRIVING A POLICE LAND ROVER, IN POLICE UNIFORM, CARRYING AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND OCCASIONALLY A PISTOL IN ITS CASE AT HIS WAIST. SOMETIMES SAVVA WOULD SLEEP AT THE FIRE STATION.

C. POLICE CONSTABLE ANDREAS APOSTOLOU TESTIFIED THAT ON ARRIVING AT THE EMBASSY WITH MR. PARASINOS TO RESTORE ORDER, HE LEARNED THE AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN WOUNDED. HE ENTERED THE EMBASSY WITH GLAFOS CLERIDES AND HELPED MOVE THE AMBASSADOR TO THE NEW NICOSIA CLINIC.

D. COSTOS CONSTANTINOU TESTIFIED THAT AS THE DRIVER FOR GENERAL AZINAS HE HAD DRIVEN AZINAS, MAJOR SOULIS AND LT. XENOFON XENOFONTOS TO THE EMBASSY. HE HAD NOT SEEN LEFTIS AT THE NATIONAL GUARD CAMP OR AT THE EMBASSY THAT DAY.

E. STELIOS STYLIANOU, FIRE BRIGADE ACTING SERGEANT, TESTIFIED THAT HE LEFT HIS FIRE STATION AT ABOUT 12:25 HOURS DRIVING VEHICLE EU999. ON ARRIVING AT THE EMBASSY HE SAW POLICE CONSTABLE 801 TALKING TO KTIMATIAS, WHO WAS ARMED WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND WHO HAD AN EXTRA MAGAZINE IN HIS POCKET. STYLIANOU WAS THEN ABOUT TWO METERS TO THE LEFT OF KTIMATIAS. HE ALSO SAW LEFTIS, HOLDING AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE SAW LOIZOU SAVVA NEAR THE EMBASSY GETTING OUT OF A POLICE LAND ROVER. SAVVA HAD TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS CROSSED OVER HIS SHOULDERS. HE LEFT THEM IN THE LAND ROVER BUT KEPT A PISTOL IN ITS CASE AT HIS WAIST. SAVVA PASSED WITHIN THREE OR FOUR METERS OF STYLIANOU AS HE WALKED TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

F. STYLIANOU CONTINUED THAT HE HAD OPENED THE TAP OF HIS FIRE BRIGADE VEHICLE SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD WASH THE TEAR GAS FROM THEIR EYES. HE SAW KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS WASH THEIR FACES AT HIS VEHICLE, CONVERSE, THEN WALK TOGETHER TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHERE THEY MET SAVVA. ALL THREE MEN WERE ARMED AS THEY ENTERED THE STAIRCASE OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION TOGETHER. THREE OR FOUR MINUTES LATER STYLIANOU HEARD AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE COMING FROM THE SAID BUILDING. HE LOOKED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SHOOTING AND SAW KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS STANDING BY AN UPPER WINDOW. HE THEN HEARD THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN WOUNDED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE SAW THE SAME THREE MEN LEAVE THE BUILDING TOGETHER. THEY PASSED BY STYLIANOU AS THEY LEFT THE SCENE.

WHEN ASKED AT WHICH WINDOW HE HAD SEEN KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS, STYLIANOU TESTIFIED HE COULD NOT SAY WITH CERTAINTY, BUT HE WAS SURE IT WAS A WINDOW LOWER THAN THE SIXTH FLOOR; DEFINITELY NOT HIGHER THAN THAT. END OF MAY 16 PROCEEDINGS.

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3. PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 17 AND 18--CROSS-EXAMINATIN OF STELIOS STYLIANOU. STYLIANOU FACED THROUGH AND HOSTILE CROSS-EXAMINATION FROM DEFENSE ATTORNEYS LEFCOS CLERIDES, MANOLIS CHRISTOPHIDES AND CHR. INDIANOS FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHTH HOURS. THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. TIMING AND ROUTE FROM FIRE STATION TO EMBASSY, AS WELL AS THE EXACT PLACE STYLIANOU POSITIONED HIS FIRE BRIGADE VEHICLE WERE COVERED IN COMPLETE DETAIL.

B. HE AFFIRMED ALL TESTIMONY HE HAD GIVEN THE PREVIOUS DAY WITHSTANDING NUMEROUS AND VARIED ATTEMPTS TO CHALLENGE HIS MEMORY.

C. HE EXPLAINED THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE TWO STATEMENTS HE GAVE CYPOL IN JULY 1976, REGARDING THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE WINDOW IN THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT WHICH HE HAD SEEN KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS, BY STATING HE HAD NOT VISITED THE SCENE FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS WHEN HE GAVE THE FIRST OF THE TWO STATEMENTS. THE LATTER STATEMENT FOLLOWED HIS INSPECTION OF THE SCENE WITH CYPOL.

D. HE AFFIRMED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY KNOWN KTIMATIAS, LEFTIS AND SAVVA PRIOR TO THE EMBASSY RIOTS ON AUGUST 19, 1974, AND WAS CERTAIN OF HIS IDENTIFICATION OF THEM AS AT THE SCENE, ARMED, AND IN THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION TOGETHER WHEN THE HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE TOWARDS THE EMBASSY TOOK PLACE FROM THAT BUILDING.

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E. HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN REPRIMANDED BY CYPOL IN AUGUST 1967 AFTER LEFTIS HAD FORMALLY COMPLAINED THAT STYLIANOU HAD MADE IMPROPER ADVANCES TO LEFTIS' WIFE. HE STATED HE HAD KNOWN HER PREVIOUSLY AS A CABARET GIRL AND DID NOT KNOW SHE WAS LEFTIS' WIFE. HE SAID HE APOLOGIZED TO LEFTIS SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT AND HAS HELD NO GRUDGE AGAINST LEFTIS.

F. HE ADMITTED HE HAD HAD AN ALTERCATION WITH LOIZOU SAVVA IN 1974 AS THE RESULT OF SAVVA'S SELLING CONTRABAND (DUTY FREE) CIGARETTES TO THE FIREMEN AT STYLIANOU'S FIRE STATION. HE SAID HE HAD REPORTED SAVVA FOR THIS ACTIVITY. HE INSISTED HE HELD NO GRUDGE AGAINST SAVVA..

G. HE TESTIFIED HE HAD GIVEN HIS FIRST STATEMENT TO CYPOL ON THE DAVIES MURDER IN AUGUST 1974. HE SAID THAT AT THAT TIME CYPOL TOLD HIM TO FURNISH A SUPERFICIAL STATEMENT ONLY, WHICH WOULD IMPLICATE NO ONE, BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNED A FOREIGN PERSON AND CYPOL WANTED TO CLOSE THE CASE. STYLIANOU SAID HE REFUSED TO DO SO. INSTEAD, HE PROCEEDED TO TELL THE TRUTH AND DESCRIBED THE ACTIONS OF KTIMATIAS, LEFTIS AND SAVVA AT THE SCENE OF THE MURDERS. (THE PROSECUTION ADVISED THE COURT THAT STYLIANOU'S EARLIER STATEMENT HAD BEEN A PART OF THE ORIGINAL CYPOL DAVIES INVESTIGATION FILE WHICH HAD BEEN LOST OR STOLEN IN 1975.) END OF MAY 17 AND 18 PROCEEDINGS.

4. ON MAY 18, PHERSON DISCUSSED THE STYLIANOU TESTIMONY AND CROSS-EXAMINATION WITH CYPOL ASST. CMDR. FANIS DEMETRIOU. DEMETRIOU CONFIRMED THAT STYLIANOU HAD BEEN DISCIPLINED IN AUGUST 1967 ON THE BASIS OF LEFTIS' COMPLAINT. HE ADDED THAT STYLIANOU HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN "FRIENDLY" WITH THE CABARET GIRL (A TERM WHICH IS A POLITE WAY OF SAYING PROSTITUTE, ACCORDING TO DEMETRIOU) BEFORE SHE MARRIED LEFTIS. SINCE LEFTIS WAS THEN THE PERSONAL BODYGUARD FOR THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR GEORGADJIS, CYPOL HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DISCIPLINE STYLIANOU. ALSO ON MAY 18, PHERSON DISCUSSED THE STYLIANOU TESTIMONY WITH THE PROSECUTERS WHEN THEY CAME TO THE EMBASSY TO REVIEW CERTAIN POINTS OF EVIDENCE. THEY CONFIDED TO PHERSON THEY HAD BEEN TROUBLED AND DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE OF STYLIANOU'S VERBOSITY AND

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FLAMBOYANCE DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION AND BELIEVED THE JUDGES WERE ALSO SOMEWHAT ANNOYED. THEY CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STYLIANOU TESTIMONY HAD BEEN CRUCIAL AND HAD NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIRED NOR SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED BY THE EIGHT HOURS OF CROSS-EXAMINATION.

5. ON MAY 19 THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CYPRUS MAIL STRESSED THE
"REVENGE MOTIVE" IN PAGE ONE TRIAL COVERAGE. THE GREEK
LANGUAGE PAPERS EMPHASIZED THE "ATTEMPTED COVER UP BY COUPISTS"
AS RELATED BY STYLIANOU IN HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE AUGUST 1974
CYPOL INVESTIGATION INTO THE DAVIES MURDER.
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